(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon; and

(c) by when it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The estimate for improvement of riding quality in km. 107 to 125 of Bodh-Gaya-Dobhi section of National Highway 83 in Bihar has been sanctioned for Rs. 442.09 Lakhs on 6.2.2003.

Recommendations of National Road Safety Council

†1059. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Parivahan suraksha se judi sifarishein do varsh baad bhi filoun mein dafan" which appeared in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 24th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the number of recommendations of National Road Safety Council which have been implemented so far by Government; and

(c) the action to be taken by Government on the remaining recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the 6th meeting of National Road Safety Council held on 21st June, 2001, eighteen main recommendations were made. Of them eleven have been accepted and implemented. One has not been accepted and the balance six have been accepted for implementation.

Report of the world bank on Transport Sector

1060. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether in a recent report on the country's transport sector, the World Bank has observed that the current practice of State-level regional transport authorities being the nodal agencies for regulating bus services and setting fares in most of the cities needs to be re-examined;

(b) if so, whether according to the report, it is necessary in view of the need for greater integration between transport planning traffic management and public transport operations at the local level;

(c) if so, what are the other suggestions made thereon; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implement the suggestions made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Some of the other major suggestions are introduction and promotion of competition in transport infrastructure and services, giving users and other stake holders representation in planning and implementation of transport services and infrastructure, private participation in provision, operation and maintenance of transport infrastructure etc. The suggestions pertaining to Central Government are already under implementation. The suggestions pertaining to States/UTs have to be implemented by them.

Condition of NH-34

1061. SHRI. SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road condition in NH-34 from Kolkata Airport to Siliguri of Darjiling district has been deteriorated since long;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the said road would be undertaken for major repairs; and

(d) by when the expansion of the road would take place and to what extent?